

King George VI - Definitive issue (low values).

Printing details

Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons, in sheets of 240, 20 rows of 12.

The first three values in the series were issued a few days ahead of the Coronation of King George VI, with the bulk of the rest issued progressively over a period of two years. There was one late-comer, the 11d plum, which appeared late in 1947.

Type Q1 - Edmund Dulac (head), and Eric Gill (frames). Value in a circle.

10-5-1937



3,949 dies

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3,545 dies

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3,313 dies

30-7-1937



3,770 dies

31-1-1938



1,715 dies

31-1-1938



1,206 dies

Type Q2 - Edmund Dulac (head), and Eric Gill (frames). No circle around value.

21-11-1938



832 dies

21-11-1938



619 dies

30-1-1939



1,696 dies

Type Q3 - Edmund Dulac.

27-2-1939



424 dies

27-2-1939



346 dies

1-5-1939



642 dies

1-5-1939



287 dies

1-5-1939



1,220 dies

29-12-1947



214 dies

Total number of different dies known on the issue, including the High Values that follow, is **6,583**.

Perfin figures correct to *1st January 2019*.

In view of the large quantities involved, no list of Perfin dies has been included.

King George VI - Definitive issue (high values).

Printing details

Recess-printed by Waterlow & Sons. Issued in sheets of 40 (5 rows of 8). Only the 10/- stamp was printed in a single pane of 40, the other values were printed in two panes of 40 and then guillotined.

Designers

- *Edmund Dulac* for the 2/6d and 5/- values.
- *George R Bellew* for the 10/- and £1 values.

Once all the low values had been issued (by May 1939), except the 11d plum, the high value series began to appear, again progressively. Eventually there were four denominations which used two basic designs, and two changes of colour. The first to be issued was the 10/- Dark blue, followed by the 5/- Red, and one day after the outbreak of WWII, the 2/6d Brown. Colour change replacements in 1942 saw the introduction of the 2/6d Yellow-green, and the 10/- Ultramarine. Again, there was a late-comer to the series in the shape of the £1 which was not introduced until 1st October 1948, the day after the £1 Royal Silver Wedding stamp was withdrawn from sale. All four values were replaced on 1st May 1951 when the 'Festival' high values were issued.

4-9-1939



252 dies

21-8-1939



393 dies

3-8-1939



63 dies

9-3-1942



445 dies

30-11-1942



129 dies

1-10-1948



23 dies

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